

NPD – exploration drilling result

11/12/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted BG Norge AS a drilling permit for wellbore 1/3-12 S in the North Sea, ref Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

The drilling programme for wellbore 1/3-12 S entails the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 297 in the southern part of the North Sea. BG Norge AS is the operator with a 100% ownership interest.

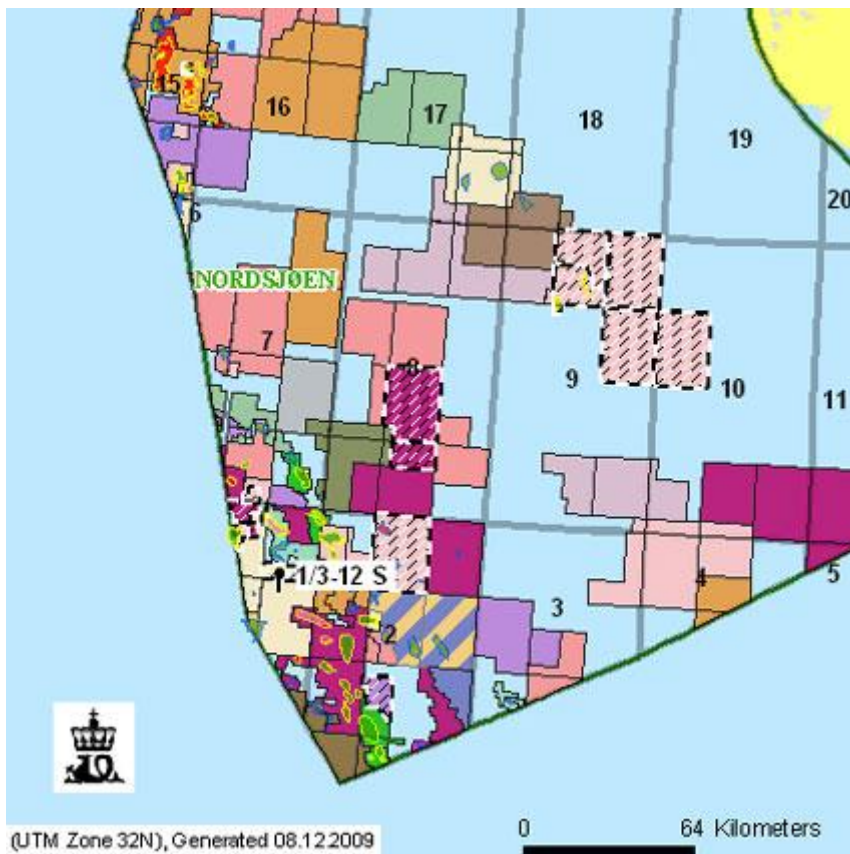
The area of the production licence, which consists of parts of blocks 1/2, 1/5 and 1/6, was awarded in 2003 (APA 2003). Wellbore 1/3-12 S, which is the first exploration well to be drilled in the production licence, will be drilled from the drilling facility *Rowan Gorilla VI*.

The well is located close to the border of the British continental shelf, southwest of the Gyda field.

The drilling permit is granted on the condition that all other permits and consents required by other authorities have been secured before the drilling activity commences.

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1/3-12 S

25/06/2010 BG Norge AS, operator of production licence 297, is in the process of completing the drilling of wildcat well 1/3-12 S. The well is located about 30 km northwest of the Ekofisk field in the southern part of the North Sea.

The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in reservoir rocks in the Skagerrak formation from the Late Triassic Age. The well encountered thinner reservoir rocks with poorer than expected reservoir properties, which were water-bearing.

The well is the first exploration well in [production licence 297](#), which was awarded in APA 2003.

Well 1/3-12 S was drilled to a vertical depth of 5820 m below the sea surface, and was terminated in the Skagerrak formation from the Late Triassic Age.

The water depth at the site is 70 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The drilling activity was carried out using the *Rowan Gorilla VI* drilling facility, which will now move to the British sector.

